

# VanDusen Botanical Garden

## Guide Weekly Update #25: September 16 to 22, 2018

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### Member Mornings

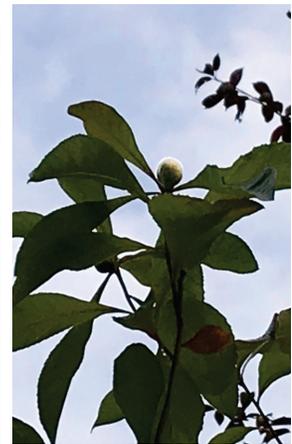
22 September, Saturday 8:00am: The next Member Morning, with the garden open early to members.

### Bird Walk

22 September, Saturday 10:00am: with Jeremy Gordon, meet in the Visitor Centre Atrium. Take a guided tour yourself, and learn about the native bird species that make their home in the garden (they aren't just visiting!)

Got spare plants, or divisions worth sharing? VanDusen is already accepting donations toward the Potluck sale (that's the best section!) of the 41st Annual Plant sale. For pick up, drop off, or any questions, call Jean at 604 261 4556 or Margie at 604 261 1868. (I always splurge in this section, so I'd be personally grateful for any well-behaved shade lovers).

## HIDDEN BEAUTY



The Korean Dogwoods (*Cornus kousa* 'Satomi') are getting exciting again, with their bounty of brilliant red edible fruit (one site says it tastes "like a cross between mango and pumpkin"), at the allée adjacent to Shaughnessy Restaurant. In the Eastern North America garden, on the swath of lawn that leads to the Autumn Stroll, the Ohio Spiderwort (*Persicaria virginiana* 'Painter's Palette') has exceptional colours; it's also known as "jumpseed" for the surprising action of its seeds when a ripe pod is disturbed, and is a rare shade-tolerant member of its genus. Do keep your eye on the Franklin Tree (*Franklinia alatamaha*) on the Autumn Stroll itself; its buds are fat and ready to pop. This Camellia relation sadly went extinct in the wild in the 19th century, shortly after its initial discovery—its natural range (at the time it was found) extended only across 2 to 3 acres.

You can DOWNLOAD all my photos from Flickr. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/VanDusenUpdate>, and each week I'll keep adding more shots.